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Title: Need to build a high bank canal in Sabarkantha district of Gujarat for the benefit of farmers.

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (SABARKANTHA): The Sabarkantha District, northern and north-eastern parts of Banaskantha District in Gujarat are always under the drought situation. The agriculture is rain-fed and the irrigation facilities are scanty. There are numbers of dams built in this region; however, the catchment areas of these dams bordening Rajasthan reman unirrigated. This region also does not fall in the command area of Narmada canal.

In view of this, the high-bank canal along the border of Gujarat-Rajasthan in Sabarkantha district should be constructed to assure crops to farmers to alleviate poverty in this region. The Ministry of Water Resources should initiate the step in this direction with the Government of Gujarat and allocate appropriate amount of money for construction of this high-bank canal in Sabarkantha district and for the parts of Banaskantha district.

* Treated as laid on the Table